

Local Work Group development Ramsey Conservation District FY09

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:
 - Surface and groundwater quality
 - Preserve unique landforms and ecosystems and promote the conservation of land by discouraging inappropriate land use
 - Protect and improve wildlife habitat
2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:
3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.
 - WILDLIFE HABITAT – the application will install practices that address wildlife habitat
 - SURFACE WATER QUALITY-applications reducing nutrient and sediment inputs
 - GROUNDWATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY-practices increasing infiltration and reducing runoff
4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.
5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.
 1. Will the applicant install practices improve and protect wildlife habitat? 10pts
 2. Will the practice increase infiltration and reduce runoff? 10pts
 3. Will the practice filter contaminants that may enter adjacent open water bodies? 10pts
 4. Will the practice installed restore native vegetation? 10pts
6. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share payment schedule changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. The following is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group: Ramsey CD Board, Tom Pederson, Michelle Wohlers